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JOURNAL OF JAMES KENNY, 1761-1763.

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The original manuscript of the journal of James Kenny, "kept by him on his journey to Pittsburgh, and notes or remarks of what he judged worth taking notice of while he remained there," is preserved in the Manuscript Division of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He had charge of the trading store established by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, of the Province, and his records of local, military and Indian affairs are valuable and of interest for their details. He describes the great freshet, which did so much damage to the new town; William Ramsay's experiments with a double section batteau, propelled by paddles worked by the feet; he accompanied John Bartram on his botanical excursions; his friendship with Christian Frederick Post, the Moravian missionary to the Indians, and the movements of the Indian kings of Pennsylvania and Ohio tribes of Indians, will be found of especial interest.

James Kenny was a member of the Chester County family of the name residing at Kennett Square, and

being a Quaker, will explain many of his "remarks." The editor has made but few expurgations and has closely adhered to the original orthography. As a contribution to the early history of Pittsburgh, it will be read with considerable interest.

Journal Begun ye 4mo, 13th, 1761.

13th.—Went from Pottsgrove in Company with Ellis Hughs to North Wales Youth's Meeting, & after Meeting went to Philad^a., having receiv'd a Letter (before) from Joseph Morris, on behalf of ye Commiss^r for Indian affairs to assist at their Store at Pittsburgh, I agreed to goe.

14th.—Return'd to Pottsgrove to Settle my Accompts & get ready.

15th & 16th.—Got ready after finishing my Bussiness there.

17th.—Went as far as W^m. Beals in ye Valley on my way to Kennet to see my Mother & Bretheren, & Beal agree'd to go to Tuscorora with me, to have our Land Survey'd there; stay'd at his House that Night.

18th.—Went to Kennet to my Mothers, & stay'd there next Day, being ye first Day of ye Week.

20th.—Set off in company with my Brother Charles, ye neighest Road to Lancaster, overtook W^m. Beale & Lodged that Night at Webs, at Canostoga Creek.

21st.—Got to Teafs Ferry or within a little of it, Lodg'd at ye Widow Wilkisons, an old acquaintance of Beals.

22^d.—Came to Carslile, & stay'd that Night, it being Court time & Jno. Armstrong gone abroad, we could not get his deputy Surveyor to come with us to Tuscorora to Survey, not certain under two Weeks, & considering ye Hazard of being Incroach'd upon by others in our Land we were Necessitated to Wait.

23^d.—It being Costly living at Carslile, we went to my Namesake Jam^s Kenny's between Cannadagunit

Creek & ye Mountain; Swam our horses & went ourselves in a Canoe over ye Creek.

4mo 24th.—We all stay'd this Day at Jam^{s} Kennys, being used very kindly.

25th.—My Brother Charles & W^{m}. Beal & Johnathan Taylor set off to Tuscorora, but I stay'd at Kennys.

26th.—My Horse being in a field (with one of my brothers Horses) he jump'd out to some of ye Neighbours Creatures that came through ye Lane in ye Night & hunt'd by ye Dogs they went to some Neighbouring Houses but were likewise hunt'd away ye People discribing mine exactly, but could not find him with ye said Horses; Mathew Kenny & I Rode about all ye Day Hunting him in Vain.

27th.—I set off & went back as far as Harris & Teafs Ferries but could not hear any acco^{t} of him. Lodged at Tobias Hendricks that night.

28th.—Cross'd Cannadoguinit low down & inquired all up ye Creek to no purpose.

29th.—Search'd ye Neighbourhood again, but could hear no account of him.

30th.—I went to Carslile & Wrote Advertisements & put up, biding Twenty Shillings for taking him up, & Mathew Kenny Went down along ye Mountain but no account of ye Horse. Having got Francis West to engage to pay ye Money if brought to him; I had Advertis'd it accordingly & so gave out searching.

5mo 1st.—Set off for Tuscorora by myself, & Rid one of my Brother Charles' Horses, went along Sheerman's Creek Vally & lodg'd that night at Jno. Black's at Buffaloe Creek by ye Tuscorora Mountain; was used very Civily.

2^{d}.—Set up ye Mountain & met my Brother & Jonathan Taylor; my Brother turn'd back with me but Taylor set off home.

5mo 3^{d}.—Got pretty soon in ye Day yesterday to my friend Wm. Bale at ye House that belong'd to W^{m}.

Steward, he being kill'd by ye Indians; being ye first Day of ye Week we lay by & rest'd as well as we could.

4th.—We Rid about to see W^{m}. Bales place & through some of ye settlem^{t}.

5th.—Went to see my Place & my brothers; gather'd mountain Tea which we us'd commonly & likes it as well as bohea. Y^{e} Surveyors came into ye Settlemt. this Night.

6th.—W^{m}. Lion ye deputy Surveyor came to us to day & we set off to one Rennison's Place that joyn'd my Brothers & Run it out as also part of my Brother's, & mine, they lying in One Tract—ye Surveyor made me run out our Tract & he rid along.

7th.—We went to Wm Beals & run it out & my uper Place; lost my seals & Key of my Watch, as I carried ye Chain seen many Deer. Taking ye neighest way toward home and ye night were hard set to get over ye Creek as we miss'd ye fordings.

8th.—This day ye Commissioner begins my year. This morning we went to run out my third year Place which join'd ye Tract that Armstrong wrong'd my brother John, & me out of, & after some contension, we run it as I lost none of ye Meadow Land, ye Surveyor offer'd me fifty Pounds for it but I would not take it.

9th.—Y^{e} Surveyor came to us on his way over Juniata & desirous to be paid, when I had ask'd him, I Paid him for Surveying for me Six Pounds & a Dollor & let him have Eight Pounds Twelve Shillings & Six Pence to purchase a Warrant for my Brother's Place, as it would be too much to return on my Warrant; we gather'd some mountain Tea & having sent Charles over ye mountain for Provissions we stay'd till be came it being Night.

5mo *10*th.—Wm Beal set off home (though it rain'd some in ye Morning) & my Brother having concluded to go with me to Pittsburgh & being so far on our way ye nighest Road, we conclud'd to keep up ye Tuscorora

Vally & Cross ye Mountain into ye Path Valley, which we did & many Miles had no path but got to one Parkers in ye Path Valley that Night.

11th.—Set off soon this Morning along ye Path Valley, pass'd many settle^mts^ Jacob Peats Mill & Crossed ye Mountain to Fort Littleton, seen a quantity of Iron Mine where we assended ye Mountain; fed at Robert Elliot's,—being got into ye Wagon Road pass'd ye fort & Lodg'd at Jno Elliott's sons at Aughwick Creek, ab^t^ 25 miles.

12th.—Had to hunt our Horses a While in ye Morning, then set off got to ye Crossing of Juniata, Paid for our ferriage over, being about Noon got some refreshm^t^, & went near to Bedford, Lodged at one Thomas Urys—being a Covenanter as I supose & thinking others much out of ye way, he signified ye Quakers had no religion, & upon asking him what he judg'd to be religion, he seem'd but weak & plac'd it much in Works of formallity although he held Predestination in ye most Vulgar sense, I told him if things were predestinated as he held, all our works avail'd nothing & as to ye works of performing Voluntary Prayers & Singing, that it was not prudent to joine in such things but with such that we might be well assur'd their offerings was not abomination; but he would have it well done, altho by Hypocrites, I would allow him to go to heaven his way, but he would not allow I could my way.

5mo *13*^th^.—Got to Bedford, wait'd on Capt Oary for a Pass & untill he Wrote some Letters he sent by me to Pittsburgh, so procee'd to ye foot of the Alligania Mountain, made a fire and lay there that night.

14th.—Cross'd ye Mountain to Stoney Creek, being mostly very bad road but some hills, ye finest Chestnut Woods I ever saw, so got to Leigonere, stay'd at Charles Brookens this night.

15th.—Set off soon, it being mostly good Land to Pittsburgh from here but Hilly, we got to Turtle Creek

within about Nine miles of Pittsburgh, where we overtook Wm Knoxes Wife & ye Rest, with their Milch Cows, but could hardly get any rest for Muskeetose.

16th.—Came to Pittsburgh Pritty soon, & was soon ask'd where I delay'd so long. I went to Collonel Bouquet with my Pass & Capt Ories Letters, he made me sit Down & said he was glad to see me.

17—21st.—These Days there was nothing remarkable happen'd. Trade very dull & our Store has lost a great part of what it had.

22^{d}.—Mostly very Cool Weather & much Rain likewise.

23^{d}.—Doctor Millen request'd me to goe out with him to ye Woods to shew him Some Plants What he knew not, so we went & gather'd some Sassaperalla Apicocoanna & Indian Ginger or Asserabana.

27th.—I & my brother & two other Men went to see ye Coal Pit on land in ye Mountain Side over ye Monongahela; ye Mountain is so high & steep that its with Care & difficulty people gets up to it, but its easy got, as ye bank of it being dug away a Piece, its level ground from ye Cole & ye Coal is in a Bank fronting like a upright Wall in ye Hill side the^{y} put it into bags & tunbles them down ye hill.

6mo.—We went over ye Mountain, I being desirous to see ye Land on ye other side & its rich on ye Mountain & down ye other side, we came to a Smart Run but bound'd with Hills & draughts Close to ye Run, its on this Run ye Saw Mill is built, we went down to it & it seems to look well, ye Men that lived at it inform'd us that at about three miles distance there begun a Body of fine Rich Land & pritty Level, that there was two Wariors' Paths took off there abouts—One toward Green Briar & ye other to Carolina or Cherokees, Shirtees Island or Point lies in sight of ye Run Mouth, & Straberies I have gather'd on a Hill in Sight of ye fort & some mountain Tea, but ye land is mostly to rich

for ye Tea—some Huckle Berris on one Hill up ye Monongahela. I Caught some fish with a Rod & Line, one Cat fish that Weigh'd Nine Pounds. I have seen One that Weigh'd fourty One Pounds & they tell me for Certain of some being Catched last Year that Weigh'd One Hundred Weight; they catch likewise a sort of young Alligaters about a foot or fourteen Inches long, but I have been informed some battoe men has seen one ye matter of five or Six foot Long.

12th.—Some of ye Indians I was acquaint'd with before being come, was Glad to see me, one of which Call'd Jammy Willson had some Bundles of Skins & some fur, he dealt here; this man has Curled black hair & never went to War by report, but having obtain'd a White Woman & Boy, he kept ye Woman as his Wife, using her kindly; on finding she inclin'd to return to her own People he brought her & ye boy with ye Amount of his Estate to our Store & told ye Woman notwithstanding He Loved her, as she want'd to leave him, would let her go, so he divided his substance equally with her, giving half ye remaind^r^ to ye Boy & set them both free & went with ye Woman home giving her a Horse to Ride; an Instance of more self denial than many men of great Christian professions shews their poor Negros.

23^d^.—This Morning about One o'Clock John Langdale (ye Agent that was here this last year) is set off to Philadelphia & Capt Clapham came to me to Day about ye s^d^ Agent. Here has been Eight or Nine Men that were Prisoners amongst different Nations of Indians, (& set free by them at Detroit) came here some time ago, one of which that lived amongst ye Picks, inform'd me that that nation seem'd well affect'd toward ye English, but that there were very current reports amongst them of ye Massissippy Indians being set on by ye French to come to take some English place this way.

Frederick Post came here & stay'd with us about two Days and then set off to Beaver Creek in order to Preach to ye Indians and inform them of ye Principels of Christianity as ye Moravians do hold ye Same I hear since; he was made Welcom by ye Indians and is gon to ye Beaver's Town Tuscorawas. Being hunting in ye Woods for a Horse ye Agent lost here, Glad of ye oppertunity to Ride out. I been a considerable way all about between these two Rivers & ye fork of Land is much Narrower then they are draught'd; seen many Human Sculls & bones that lies about ye whole belonging to a Body in Places except some of ye smallest—I have took some time to fitt them together.

Being got much in faviour with ye Doctor, as he recons me a Great botanest I goe with him sometimes to Vissit ye Sick & see him Dress sores.

7mo 1st.—Here came sundry Expresses from Detroit with accounts that ye Indians were about attacking that Place Presque isle & this, last Night or this night all by storming ye places. This News came here some days agoe & caus'd such Hurries here that ye Soldiers were set to work to make up a part of ye fort bank that was but very low, strict orders against Selling any Powder or Lead to Indians were Issu'd.

4th.—All ye Powder in ye Stores taken into ye fort & put into ye Magazine; Orders Issued by Collon^l^ Bouquet Proclaim'd & Posted in Writing for all ye Inhabitants here, Merchants, Traders, Sutlers Artifiecers &c., that were Able to bear Arms should meet at appoint'd Places, give in their Names to be form'd in Companys under officers in order to keep out gaurds & help to defend ye Place, & they that did not do so must desert ye Place in two Days time;—which some expect'd would be my lot or else to bear Arms, on which occasion I wrote ye following lines & sent out Saml Dean to ye Collon^l^.

MAY it please Collonel Bouquet, as thy orders is

general for all ye Inhabitants here to bear Arms, which I cannot do without the abuse of my Conscience & Principles, ye consequence of which is to leave this place in two Days time, bepleas'd to let me know, whether thou wilt take ye Province Goods under thy care and allow me time to get a Horse, if thou wilt not exempt me from bearing Arms.

from thy Wellwisher,

J. Kenny.

When ye Collon^{l} reiceiv'd these Lines, being at Dinner, & carrid in by ye Lad that wait'd on ye Table, he got up & came out & Told Saml Dean I should not trouble myself at all for he did not mean me & as he had no pen & Ink there he desired I should come to him ye next Day, which I did, he bid me sit down & spok very civle, telling me he left me to my own freedom, I acknowledg'd his kindness & came away. Saml Dean knowing this Indulgence to me delay'd going to his muster with ye rest untill they sent a Corporal for him, which affronted Capt Crafford, which they had chose over them in this end of ye town, being an old trader, that he swore much he would have his master out on ye Parade ye next evening but Dean affirm'd he would not & agravat'd Craford so that he was going to send him to ye Guard House, (ye other requesting he should) but did not. I understood ye next day that ye Collo^{l} had let Crafford know that I was exemp'd from any Millitary service, which made ye new Capt I believe not appear that evening himself at their muster tho his Lieut^{t} sent a Corporel for me, but I told him I had no bussiness with them & he went with out me. This might be much occasion'd by ye conduct of ye Agent that was here last going by ye name of a Quaker & not disown'd amongst Friends, & was not only Principled to fight but had fought here in my sight, I heard him use bad words, which I think brought a great reproach on ye name he went by here.

7mo 5th.—Ye Doctor inform'd me that ye Officers liked me much ye better for standing true to my Principels, —Notwithstanding I have been so foolish in Days past, as to give cause of reproaching ye name I went by, yet my understanding was mightly darken'd in some respects & its been ever cause of Sorrow & repentance to me when I think of my folly.

Here was ye Beaver King & Killbuck with me at Breakfast & I cannot find out by them when they think to goe to the Treaty to Philadela although White Eyes & Wingenum after their return from there seem'd mightly Pleas'd, Signifying that they would go there to hold a Treaty in about one moon & a half, & White Eyes signified to Collol Bouquet that he was willing to be made a Prisoner in ye fort, & after default of bringing in ye Prissoners & ye Stolen Horses, even from ye Shawanes, that ye Collonl might do what he pleas'd with him.

6th.—I am jealous that Killbuck used endeavours with ye Beaver to frustrate or prolong their going to this Treaty, as he told me that there had been a Sum of money offer'd for killing him in ye War time & sent round ye frontiers in private Letters by subscription (which I had never heard), and that ye Indians told him frequently that as sure as he went toward ye Inhabitants he would be Kill'd; he is very subtile & Politick. I endeavour'd to remove all these Scruples leting him know that ye Men amongst us in authority would be for hanging any White man now that would Murder an Indian that was at peace with us; he confess'd that was ye old Law, & he is Imploy'd now at a Doller Day to go with Capt Callender to Sandusky with amunission for Detroit, which pleas'd him much.

Some time agoe there was a Mingo Indian kill'd by Lieut Piper of ye Provincials for Stealing their Horses; as he came here he brought ye Sculp to this Place but ye Scalping was not aproved of here.

7mo 7th.—I have seen Letters come to this Place, giving Account that General Amherst is to be at Nighagara very soon on his way coming here & they think he will procee'd from here down ye Ohio, to ye Massisippy.

8th.—An express from Detroit but no bad News, had some Trade.

9th.—Last Night, after many of ye People were gone to Bed there was Eight or Nine Guns went off at ye uper end of ye Town by the Monongahela, which caus'd such an alarm that all ye People Hurried for their Lives; ye Soldiers & Milita got under Arms expecting ye Enemy was realy come to attack ye Place; ye Women & some Men Carrying bundles of their goods into ye fort. We got up being in bed & My Brother & two other men that was in ye house was for going into ye fort. I walk'd toward ye Monongahela & back to ye House, hearing no more Shooting, I told my brother as I had at first, I did not believe there was any Enemy, so we sat down by ye Door & seen ye Hurry, untill in about half an hour we heard it was men desarting & they fired on them kill'd one & Wound'd another; ye one that was kill'd is said to be one that rob'd a Store here lately & came back, kept hiden & was now going with more of ye Provincials; I hear since he was not kill'd.

10th.—It's said that ye Mingoes were Invit'd here to a Treaty by some strings ye Collo[l] delived some of them here in order to Apease ye Relations of him that Lieut Piper kill'd for stealing Horses, & a Prisoner told me that an Old Delaware Squa told ye Indians over ye River, that there was a Great Number of Mingo Indians lying up ye River & Charg'd them not to tell ye white People of it.

7mo 11th.—I think Drunkenness & feighting is much abated in this end of ye Town to what it was & some of ye Ordinary Houses is moved from here, Nine Train

draught'd away & Hudly gone Six Shill^{s} in Langsdales Debt. A great fresh in ye River.

12th.—Being ye first Day of ye Week, I find but few to converse with that is agreeable, Only my Brother & Benjamen Elliot, both of them keepink very reserv'd; got something indispos'd this Day.

13th.—Dream'd last Night I seen a Harbour having several Vessels lying in it of small seize, & seen more of a small like Squair Boats w^{t} Squair Sails come in amongst ye rest with good order.

14th.—Capt Gorden, ye Enginere, came here this Day. An Indian call'd John Armstrong who talks some English being about here I had a deal of discourse with him; he seems to harbour jelousies of ye English, having revenge or some advantage in view against ye Inlians, on Acount they keep making fortifications, now after they have beat ye French, & he knew not ye reason why ye White People wanted back ye Prisoners, seeing they were satisfied to live with ye Indians. So ye first I let him know that in Case ye English did not keep Garisons out here they expect'd ye French would come again & set ye Indians on to kill ye White People & that ye Traders would not venture out with Goods to suply ye Indians otherwise, & as for ye Prisoners, that their fathers & Mothers & friends longed to see them & was not satisfied without seeing them; he also quried why Frederick Post went out now to Preach amongst ye Indians, seeing ye White People had not used such endeavours amongst them before; I let him know that such endeavours had been us'd before in some places, & now that it had been requested by ye Indians at a Treaty at Easton, that I did not know that ye White people had sent Post now on that ocation, but that he was a Good Man & lov'd ye Indians & that good men often tell ye White People that if they will not refrain from their evil ways that ye Good Spirit will leave them, & seek some other people & as ye Good Spirit

made ye Indians as well as us, that he was willing to do them good & might send Good men amongst them on that account let him know that ye bad Spirit was ye author of Wars because it made people hate one another, as also of all other vices. He acknowledg'd he knew ye Principels of Friends were such & that they were ye best People.

*15*th.—A Cousen of Delaware Georges, a Young Man born at Oley, had some Trade here, seemed very good Nature'd & having no English Name I gave him my Name which he said he would keep, went out a Hunting. I took a Vomit being unwell in my stomack & seems much better.

*16*th.—Spent most of this Day in Posting what dealings I had since Jno Langdale went away. I hear ye Genaral is gone to Detroit.

*17*th.—Jno Armstrong, mentioned ye 14th Ins^t^, being going to ye Woods to Hunt over Alligany with his Squa, request'd some Lines under my Hand as a recommendation least meeting White men that might have had Horses Stolen from them, they might suspect him & so be in danger of being Shot, which I did.

The Trade runs so now at this Place that all Secams Subtilty can Invent is used to draw it & ye Master piece of gaining it now seems to be in Trusting ye Indians with Goods so this brings their Custom to such Stores & pleases them much that they are so much in Credit, of which ye Store that is kept by Trent & Levy here (Franks being Concerned & its thought Croughan) ventures much on trust, being some of Croughan's Polliticks & he & all his Instruments endeavours to draw all ye Custom to that Store; this is a Point they have ye advantage of the Province Store in at cent.

*18*th.—Came an Indian call'd John & another Young fellow who had a Pair of little Buffellow Horns fix'd to his Cap. John was recommend'd to me by Philip Powel,

one of my former Acquaintance, receiv'd about fourty Pounds worth of them in Peltry.

19th.—Ye Millitia Mustering is drop'd now, only on ye first Days of the week.

20th.—Notwithstanding ye strict orders against selling or giving ye Indians Strong liquors, they frequently get too much of it amongst ye Traders & sutlers, some treating them with Punch to draw their custom & I was told by Indian Jno above mentioned, that Levy ye Jew had sold ye Beaver's son two Ceggs of Rum today at 20/ Gallon & told John to acquaint ye Indians at Moosekinggum that he would sell them Rum if they came to him & this Jew endeavours to set ye Indians against me as Jno told me, this Jew and Langdale that was Agent here, fought.

21st.—The Young Man that is hired with me, Saml Dean, running after our cow to bring her home this morning has cut his foot so bad that he keeps an Intire Cripple & I am oblidged to do all that is to be done partly myself—this store I think was never so distitute of hands before. I apply'd some time since to ye Collonl to allow me one of ye Provincials to assist in this Store as both General Standwix & Moncton alow'd of it, but, his Answer was that they were so necessiat'd for to get ye fort put in better order & to have work done, there could not a Man be spair'd, & I think they are very deligent ye Drum beats as its light in ye morning to set all to Work & holds it untill ye Gun fires late after sun Down. Mostly ye works going on are ye fort Banks raising higher, a fine large Stone House, a Building in ye S. E. Corner of ye fort for a Governor's House, Stone quarring & Squairing for the House, quarying for Lime & Burning ye Same, Making & Burning Brick, & farming & Gardening, having a fine Incloasure under Indian Corn & divers things, Mowing & Haymaking abroad up both Rivers.

22d.—No more accot of ye Generals coming here.

24th.—Going after our Cow this Morning, getting my feet wet in ye Dew, got something of ye Ague.

25th.—There's been much Rain toward ye Heads of ye Aligania River as it has rose very High in ye night.

26th.—Here is much Rain. I went over ye Monongahela & gatherd some Ginsang, but rained heavy before got back.

8mo 1st.—There has nothing Material happen'd this Week past, only I heard of one of ye Lieutts belonging to ye Train who went from here having Shot a Man below Bedford some Miles, only for stricking his dog that was feighting ye Mans dog & stuck both in parting them, for which he first Horse Whipt ye Man & then shot him through ye Head with a Pistol. Doctor Millen being sent for from this place to try to Cure ye Man but too Late.

Last night Collonl Bouquet had a large Sum of Money Stolen out of his Room in ye fort while he was out at ye Mess House about ten o'Clock at Night, has Advertised Two Hundred Dollars for ye discovery of ye thieves, and Pardon to any One of them that will discover of ye Rest; ye Sum is said to be ye Matter of One Thousd Pounds Stole.

George Croughan is gone toward Detroit with White Wampum to endeavour to settle ye Nations there as there has been a Plot discover'd amongst ye Indians, in which they had propos'd to attack, that place & this & Niagara all in one Night, by storming ye Places or geting in Sliely & then destroying ye People with Tomhocks. As it is said they are not settled yet, they keep Robing People betwen Venango & Presque Isle, such times causes exercise of minde & some dread which proceeds from weakness as I can die but once & my peace being made, while I keep it, what need I fear ye Sting of Death as I feel no guilt in my Soul.

2d.—There has been £100 of ye Collol Money found in

one of ye Great Guns & there has been much searching for ye Rest, but did not search our House.

3rd.—I hear that ye Mingoes has request'd Lieut^{t} Piper (who kill'd ye Indian for Stealing Horses some time ago) to be deliver'd up to them, upon which acco^{t} he is sent away from this Place.

An Indian came here from Tuscorowas Town where ye Beaver King Lives, informs that ye Beaver's family gets Rum at this place frequently & carries home by which ye Indians frequently get Drunk pawning their Clothss Wampum & all they have for it; that two Mohaks Indians got Drunk there, & ye One kill'd ye other in fighting, him self being much wounded, & that the Mohacks were not pleas'd with ye Beaver King about it; its commonly said that Levy ye Jew sells Rum to ye Indians & some publickly by ye Collo^{ls} mission, especially to ye Beaver's family.

4th.—Levy's Negro run away with ye Indians last Night. A young man Call'd Wm Ramsey has made two little Boats being squair at ye sterns & joined together at ye sterns by a Swivel makes ye two in form of one Batoe, but will turn round shorter than a boat of ye same length, or raise with more safty in falls & in case of stricking Rocks; he has also made an Engine that goes with Wheels inclose'd in a Box to be worked by one Man by sitting on ye end of ye Box & treding on Traddles at bottom with his feet setts ye wheels agoing which works scullers or short Paddles fixed over ye gunnels turning them Round ye under ones always laying hold in ye water will make ye Battoe goe as if two men Rowed & he can steer at ye same time by lines like plow lines.

5th.—I hear ye Beaver King is gone with Croughan toward Detroit & that Collen^{l} Johnson is to meet them to Hold a Treaty there & that ye Indians had deliver'd ye War belt up, to ye Command^{r} there which they made.

6th.—I receiv'd a Letter from Frederick Post dated

ye 27th of last month at Tuscorawas Town, in which he informs me that the Indians are not all willing to deliver up ye Prisoners as yet & that he has hard living amongst them any Provisions they have being to dear—a Bushel of Corn being forty Shillings, one quart Milk two Shill^s & Six pence, One Pound Butter Ten Shill^s & for washing one Shirt Two Shill^s & Six Pence, & Venison 7 pence, he also adds that he hopes of being of Service amongst them & signifies that he was in fear some time ago when ye Beaver took Six Ceggs Rum there & they were Drunke Six Days; that they talk of going to Philad^a soon to hold a treaty there.

7th.—Had some little Trade to Day tho, trade is very dull here now.

8th.—Was Invited to a Barbacue of Tortle this Day by Levy ye Jew & Crafford ye Trader, but had no appetite for ye feast, being held on ye Island & they came over about Dusk like so many Drunken Indians.

9th.—My Namesake Indian returned from his Hunt last Night, having brought thirty Skins with him & dealt them with me. This Day, had I once more of some Shawanas being brought to me by Jno Owen, who is desirous to serve ye Commiss^r.

10th.—The Indians that deal at our Store, often want to stay in ye House at Nights while they remain here, & often want Victuals; they also want to bring their Squas to lie with at Night, which I Object against, letting them know that they shall bring none such to Sleep in our House, & having shut out two Squas last Night, they kept throwing Stones on ye House & Door after we went to bed, untill we went out & threaten'd them away. So many Roberies Commited here at Nights that all Noise tends to keep me from Sleep & ye fleeas together, that I get but little Sleep.

12th.—Several Hunters that lodg'd here are going out this Day to hunt & leaves all their best Cloths & things in my keeping. I am Indispos'd w^t a kind of Desentery.

13th.—I have been Poorly all this Day; had some Trade, receiv'd a Bill of Lieut^t Meyer on Capt Harry Gorden on Acc^t some Wine I sold him belonging to Allex^r McMullen; he is going with a command of Men & some Bullocks & pack horses to Build a Block House at Sandusky.

14th.—Had some conversation with Delaware George in which he informs me that ye Indians cannot settle matters amongst themselves so as to Go to hold a Treaty this year at Philad^a, & that White Eyes & Beaver did not let him know when White Eyes went to Philad^a, that their Nation are subject to three Heads, Viz ye Beaver, himself & White Eyes which all be consulted.

15th.—Receiv'd some Lines from Frederick Post, in which he says that things about them at Tuscorawas is Still & quiet, ye Indians being gone to ye Treaty at Detroit; but that he is in a Suffering Condition for want of Proviss^n & requests of me to send him some ye first opertunity.

16th.—Receiv'd ye first Letter from Joseph Morris signifying of Jno Langdale haveing Resign'd ye Agency, & Josiah Devenport & I, & some others being return'd to ye Governor he gave Devenport ye Commiss^n to be Agent here, & that Langdale comes with him to Deliver up ye Store.

17th.—Having sent Saml Dean over ye River with ye Battoe for an Indian with a Load of Skins, who came, & as we began to Deal for them Crafford ye Old Trader came to ye Store after them bringing some Indians with him, whom he had set on to draw ye man with ye Skins away from our Store which they effected, by teeling ye Indian that was about Dealing, that our Stillards was too light, & having sent for Ormsbey's Stilliards I wey'd ye Skins with them & there was about One Pound more by them in about one Hund^r W^t tho I told ye what I could & had an Interpreter, yet they took them to

Crafford & I am very Suspitious he keeps two Pee's to his Stilliards.

18th.—I am inform'd that several Prisoners gives Account that ye Indians are generally of opinion, that some of them can hurt ye others, by some bad Acts as Witchcraft &c but that they cannot hurt ye White people & that ye Indians endeavored both at Legoneer & this Place to hurt white people to no effect, that at Legoneer they with much difficulty Put some thing in ye water in hopes to Hurt ye People but to no effect, which gave them a Strong opinnion of ye White People.

19th.—Ordered Philip Boyle (he being going to Sanduskey with flour a Suttling) to supply Frederick Post with what Flour he wanted.

21st.—Josiah Devenport Ariv'd here, having left Jno Langdale Sick near Fort Loudon, with orders to sell off ye goods as soon as we can.

22d.—The Traders seem'd to expect ye Province Goods to be Sold at Vandue or at ye first Cost, but disapointed.

24th.—Jno Langdale's not coming hinders our taking an Inventory of ye Goods, but I keep Trading with what offers.

25th.—The prest Agent seems in great faviour with ye officers and Collol Burd has offer'd his Service in being sent at taking ye Inventory of ye Goods in case Langdale do not come.

27th.—Matter of twenty odd of ye Soldiers in ye Guard House for desertion & neglecting their work at ye quarries & ye Criminals thats in ye dungeon for sundry crimes, canot have a trial until some higher officer comes.

28th.—My Brother Charles taken sick with a shivering & Chilliness turn'd to a nervouss fever, Bled & tooke a Vomit; this day Jno Langdale came here.

31st.—Began to take accot of ye Goods ye 28th when Jno Langdale came.

9mo 1st.—Kept taking an Inventory of ye Goods.

14th.—About ye 14th Inst Jno Bartram ye botanist & Member of ye Royal Society came here, who I was glad to see & well receiv'd by Collo Bouquet & ye officers. About this time one of ye most reserv'd men in apearance amongst ye officers call'd Jams Miller, Chirugen of ye Garrison, Cut his own throat at Night in his Room with two Rayzors, which affect'd ye People very much in General; he had been at times Hipt or Lunatick.

16th.—About this time Jno Bartram, Capt Gordon & me went over ye Monongahela looking for Curiossities in Plants & having shewn Bartram a Vine, that I looked on as rare, we pull'd of its fruit, being long like Cucumbers which he reccons a great rarety or new Genus, if it proves not to be Aristolochia, not being ever found in these parts before; also a fine Violet in Blossom which is a rare thing in ye fall.

Bartram desirous that he & I should go out by ourselves, we did another Day going to ye Saw Mill & up ye Run from thence ye South of ye Monongahela Mountain in order to go to ye French Lime Kiln & ye Coal Mine which lay on a Branch of ye sd Run, but we keeping ye Main Run it lead us some Miles wrong to ye South & coming on Rain, we set by Gess a Course ye nighest way through ye woods & came right opposite to ye fort; have observ'd some Curiosities.

18th.—Having propos'd to go down ye Ohio to ye Oyle Spring & desirous of my company, we Set off this Day in company with Capt Bryen of ye Provincials, being also bread a Friend, & four of his men to work ye Battoe, also Hugh McSwain for an Interpretor, ye Collonel having furnish'd us with a tent & Provissions, also Liquor plenty. I tooke ye Courses of ye River as we went, by a Good Pocket Compass having several Islands & from Pittsburgh to ye mouth of Beaver Creek will be very near a North West Course. Not having many Crooks we first put ashore in a long Island below

Shirtees Island, got some Plumbs—Jn° Bartram found a Sort of Sun flower or else a New Plant, that he had not seen ye like before, having Stalks 5 or 6 foot High & Squair & hollow bearing allways two long small Leaves together oposite sirrounding ye Stem like through stem ye Blossoms were fell. Next we went a Shoar at ye Log's town, there being no inhabitants now, but above 100 Acres I supose Clear'd Land being on ye North Side ye River & very thin Soyle ye Adjasent Hills but poor. Some of ye men like to have poyson'd them selves here Eating ye Indigo Peas, whilst we were walking out to ye woods. Prosee'd down to Beaver Creek about 8 or 10 Miles from ye Logstown & 30 Miles from Pittsburgh, where only lives Gray Eyes or Sir Wm Johnson so call'd, one of ye Heads of ye Delawares, but he was gon to ye treaty now held at Detroit, some Women & Children being at home. He has a Good Shingled House & several Stables & Cow houses under one Roof Built by ye General's ordr^s. We Pitch'd our Tent near ye House & made us a fire when Wm Turnum & another Ind^n man about dusk came in from Hunting; they sat with us some time & we gave each some Bread and a Dram, Turnum talks English well & being observing ye Stars he could shew us ye North Star & ye Great Bear & says ye Indians knows them & ye Plannets by Particular Names, very well & observes their motions but they could not inform us of ye Oyle Springs.

19th.—Set off very early this morning down ye River, being very foggy; ye River seems here to make a Right Angle ye Course from ye Mouth of Beaver Creek being very near South West, with some Island & seems not much wider than at Pittsburgh but about 7 or 8 foot Deep in places.

Kept down ye River untill about 11 o'Clock having judg'd we went near 20 miles below Beaver Creek, being told that ye Oyle Spring was at ye mouth of Little Beaver Creek about 8 miles from ye former on same

side ye River but no such Creek could we find in this Distance, so we put on Shoar on ye Point on an Island, ye River apearing to turn more Northward round ye Point of a Hill just in sight here we Dined, View'd ye Island, many pieces of Stone Coal lying amongst ye small Stones washed down withe ye River, so we went no further down but having ye wind fair hoist'd Sail & Row'd along shore up again; put a Shore on ye South side, at ye mouth of Creek where was very rich Bottoms. Bartram ye Capt & I often walk'd along Shore & in ye evening being got very near ye mouth of ye Creek we left this morning, walking along a Path on high Land above ye River came to a Town (abo^t^ a Mile below Gray Eyes) where was near to 20 well made, (but small) Stone Chimneys & several frame Buildings, some of which had no Shingles or Clapbords on; ye Houses were mostly Burn'd or destroy'd that belong'd to ye Stone Chimbneys. There was like one or two Chapples with Immages of faces cut on ye Posts, but marks of Tomhocks struck in ye s^d^ faces, & one ye nose cut off. I am informed since that this town was where ye French had intised ye Shawanes to come & settle, to be more handy to go to war against ye English. We walk'd up to ye mouth of Beaver Creek, but ye men being tyred put ashore & Incamp'd a little lower, so we return'd to them, & stay'd there all night, McSwain going to Gray Eyes & on his return told us he eat some Good Butter which Gray Eyes had made while he was there.

20th.—Set off soon this morning & came to Logstown but went ashore on ye South side ye River opposite to where ye town was, where was very Rich Land & we judg'd about 100 Acres Clear'd growing with high Weeds & Briars, here they us'd to Plant Corn. Search'd ye Ajesent Woods for ye Horse Chestnut Trees, but could not find them, ye Children at Beaver Creek having strings of them about their necks, they grow on an Island below Shirtees, but we did not land

on it to see them; lay this night by ye River side on long Coarse Grass.

21st.—Came up ye next Day to Pittsburgh & walking along ye River side found Pieces of Putrifid stuff made into Stone but ye Shapes of Shells in places, in other places ye shapes & bulk of Hickary Nuts with ye fair Husks on, opening in four Points & quarters in ye top of ye Nutt. Jno Bartram calls them Shells, but I call them nuts; walk'd this evening out about Grant's hill & view'd some of Mens Bones that lies about yet.

23^d^.—Jno Bartram set off to Redstone Creek up ye Monongahela on his way to see ye Warm Springs in Virginia & it rain'd for two Days. Y^e^ Inventory of ye Goods been all taken, only ye Househould Furniture before I went down ye River.

26th.—Here has been acco^t^ from Delaware George to ye Coll^l^ that a Party of Mingoes being at Beaver Creek in liquor signified their Intention of laying wait about ye Garden at Pittsburg in order to Kill ye Collo^l^ or some officiers which ocassioned orders to be Issued that none of ye officiers should walk out in ye Garden alone & unarm'd, nor to be out after ye Gun fired in ye evening—there has been latter orders also to reinforce ye Guards at night & ye Militia Capt Crafford reviews his Watches at night in ye way of a Town Watch; he has summon'd Josiah Davenport and Capt Trent to join ye Militia & stand Sentrys, but they dispute ye point thinking themselves above it.

10mo 1st.—Croughan is returnd from ye Treaty at Detroit & information is made to us by Leu^t^ Ralph of ye Royal Americans, that ye Collo^l^ has had a Copy of Johnson's Journal, which gives account that ye Beaver King held a Counsel with ye other Nations (before Genl Johnson arriv'd) telling them that they were mislead as he & his people were by the French, & that since he was better acquaint'd with ye English than many of them were he assur'd them that they would find them a

people much preferable to ye French & that they might do what they judged best, but that him & his Nation would always hereafter joine with ye English; its also said, that he confess'd at ye following Treaty, that this Summer ye War Belt and Hatchet was brought from ye Six Nations, & offer'd to him & his Brother Shingass, but that he threw it against ye Wall & would not except of it, its said also that ye three Heads Men of ye Wyondot Nation all agree'd not to except it but seiz'd it & deliver'd it to Capt Camble at Detroit. The Conclusion of Collo^l Johnson's Treaty is said to be that he has cast off ye Onandago Yoke (of ye Six Nations) from ye Delawares, Shawanas, Wyondots, Picks or Tweetwees, & others to ye Westward which makes those Nations a Seperate Power Independ^t of the Six Nations & that both Powers has seperately join'd in aliance now with ye English, both offensive & defensive, on which some Hundreds were set off against ye Cherokees & that ye Prisinors that wants to leave them may come away, but they that do not or cannot drive them away.

6th.—A Speces of Violets, now very thick in Blossom over ye Monongahe^la & several of ye Common Blue Violet in Blossom which I judge must be ye second Blossoming this Summer, one plant of which I have remov'd to ye Garden thinking to carry it down Home & ye Seeds of ye other also ye seeds of ye Aristolochia & a fine rare Rassberry Plant like ye Nine Bark wood.

7th.—The late Agent let me know that ye Commiss^s or some part of them were so Indulgent toward me that if at any time I rather chus'd to be relased from ye Service to let them know & they would do it, which I take very kind & has wrote to them about two weeks ago to be pleas'd to send another in my room, which I hope soon now will arive.

8th.—There is a Proclamation from Collo^l Johnson Posted up here for all ye Indian Traders to Adhere to, ye Prices of ye Goods that is now fix'd at a more bene-

fishal profit than here before; all ye Traders to have a Pass from Sr Wm Johnson or George Croughan Esqr else ye Commanding officiers at each Post are forbid to let them Trade.

9th.—Frederick Post came here from Tuscorawas & having a meeting with ye Indians there, before they set off (to ye Treaty) at Detroit, he let them know that the good Spirit had sent him amongst them in order to do them good & inform them in ye Christian Principels, to which they answer'd that they were very willing of his living amongst them, but not on them tearms, as they seen no better fruits or works amongst Christians than amongst themselves, but he told them that ye good spirit was with him, when he came to them in ye War time & that they had no reason to repent of his coming amongst them that time, and that now if they did not receive him on ye tearms he mentioned ye Good Spirit ordered him to leave them, and go to some others, having made them as ye head men of that Nation ye first offer & call'd for his Horse to be gone, but they would not consent to let him go, so he is now prepairing materials in order to build a House to live in, & keep School, & instruct them as far as he can or they will receive, but tells them that their hearts are not prepair'd to hear the gosple.

12th.—About this time ye Beaver King & Shingas came here & held a small council w^t^ Geo. Croughan, & ye Beaver told me they would go to Philad^a^ next Spring to Confirm their alliance with our Province.

15th.—About this time I went to get Coal over ye Mountain South side of ye Monongahela about 1¼ Miles from ye s^d^ River with four men & 3 Horses caried them in bags to ye River & bro^t^ home at night in a flat abo^t^ 40 Bushel fine Coal being dug out before. I kill'd a Turkey.

16th.—One Agness Miller, being a Captive amongst ye Shawnes, was delivered up here as also two other

little Girls, Daughters of Charles Stuward & Jam^{s} McBride, taken from ye Coves, one of them being taken by Shingus & belon'd to Pisquition. Langdale had orders from Israel Pemberton to advance £20 for redeeming Agness, but she being deliver'd up cost nothing.

23^{d}.—Langdale left this place and set off home, after leaving a Protest in Writing with me (as he was just going) being against all Josiah Davenports & my Actings in ye Store since ye Day he left it in order chiefly, as he told me, to clear himself if any thing happen'd in ye Goods which he said was only matter of form, as he never alledg'd any dishonesty to any of us. One Blaine ye officer which Commands at Ligonier came here. I have had no Answer as yet from ye Commiss^{s}, which gives Frederick Post some encouragem^{t} (if I am set at liberty) to go to see him to Tuscorawas.

11mo 1st.—The Shawana Chiefs came here & Held a Treaty of Peace with Geo. Croghan where none was admitt'd but Croghan's Assistant, (Thos Hutchins) & himself & Indians I heard they promis'd to keep in friendship with ye English for ever & blam'd ye French for drawing them away from ye English Intrest.

9th.—This Day my Brother Charles hired with us at our Store for ye Winter Quarter at Three Pounds p^{r} Month—ye ninth 11mo 1761 & Samuel Dean went off.

12th.—Many Traders gone with Goods to Trade at ye Indians Towns. One Thos Cape that was Prisoner amongst ye Shawanas, being taken from Cape Capen in Virginia, being set free, we have taken him to live with us.

16th.—I am inform'd by Thos Cape, that when ye Indians Kill a Deer in ye Woods & being in haste to follow ye Game, they leave a Cap or some part of their Clothing on ye killed Game untill they return, which hinders ye Buzzards & Vermin to Eat it, also that if they intend to leave it all night where its kill'd they Bark or Blase

3 or four Trees round it & then wets some Powder in their Hand untill it is dissolved then dips their finger in it & Sprinkles it on ye Blaszes, which in ye Night will look like Sparks of fire all round, & no Vermin would touch ye Carcase untill it would rot there.

18th.—Butter is brought here by ye Cask @ 14^d^ & 13^d^ and 1 Shilling p^r^ lb, Turnips for one Dollor p^r^ Bushell, being raised here.

19th.—The Fort Banks here is very near raise'd, which makes it look much Stronger than it was in times of more danger by accounts, ye front next ye Inhabitants being of Brick and Corners of ye Angles of Hewn Stone, about [?] foot High ye Back part next ye Point where ye two Rivers Meets being of Earth & soded all so that it grows thick of long Grass that was done last year & they have Moov'd ye Bank several times this Summer its four Squair with a Row of Barracks along each Squair three Rows of which are Wooden frame work & ye Row on ye Bank side next ye point is Brick also a large Brick House built this summer in ye South East Corner of ye Roof being now aputing on, having fine Steps at ye Door of Hewn free Stone, a Cellar all under it, at ye Bank Side of ye Barracks opens ye Doors of ye Magazines Vaults & Dungeons lying under ye Great Banks of Earth thrown out of ye Great Trinches all Round in these are kept ye Strores of Amunition &c & Prisoners that are to be tried for their Lives, in these Vaults are no light but as they carry Lanthorns, on ye South East Bastion stands a High Poal like a Mast & top Mast to Hoist ye flag on which is Hoisted on every first Day of ye Week from about Eleven to One o'Clock & on State Days &c there are three Wells of Water wall'd in ye fort, & a Squair of Clear Ground in ye inside of about 2 Acres.

20th.—I have been Inform'd by a Young Man that was order'd by ye Commanding Officer, Collonel Bouquet, (this Sumer) to Number all ye Dwelling Houses without

ye Fort marking the number on each Door that there was above one Hundred Houses but ye Highest number I have seen by beter acco^t^ there is 150 Houses, to take notice of I think was Seventy Eight, these being ye Inhabitants of Pittsburgh, where two years ago I have seen all ye Houses that were without ye Little Fort they had then, thrown Down, only One, which stands yet, also two that was within that little fort is now standing being ye Hospital now, all ye rest being Built since, which if ye Place continues to Increase near this manner it must soon be very large, which seems likely to me.

21st.—As to ye Government of ye Place at p^r^sent ye Chief Laws have been Out by ye General's Orders, which are Viz 1st That all Subjects may by applying to ye Chief Enginear Build Houses, but none to Sell or Rent any; that no person shall buy of ye Indians, Horses nor Bells, &c.

11mo *21*^st^.—To Sell no Rum or Strong Liquor nor give to Indians on Pain of having their Houses pull'd Down, & ye Transgressors being banished the place. There was also some time ago, restrections about Selling the Indians Powd^r^ & Lead to exceed five pounds for one man at Once of Each & that there must be no dealing in Trade after ye Evening Gun is fired after Sun Down. Some people have had their Houses pull'd Down for ye Brech of some of these Laws & themselves Banish'd.

25th.—This Day ye Provincial Soldiers Time expired, but are not discharg^d^, ye Collo^l^ waiting for an answer whether they shall be continued over ye Winter.

27th.—Y^e^ Provincial Soldiers disarts without a Discharge & seems to be as willing to return, many of them as they were to List being kept to Constant Labour here at Building ye Banks of ye fort quarring Stone & Cutting Wood, which they perform'd as expeditiously as any that has work'd here & I heard that the Colo^l^ should say they done an emense sight of work for ye time, so

that our province has no small Share in raising ye Banks of Fort Pitt.

30th.—We have been very Busey in getting Home a Stock of fire-wood being Cut about a Mile up ye Allegheny & 150 Yards from ye River side some we haul'd with a Cart to ye River & some Carried & brought it home with a Battoe.

12mo *1*^st^.—Many of ye Inhabitants here have hired a School Master & Subscrib'd above Sixty Pounds for this Year to him, he has about Twenty Schollars, likewise ye Soberer sort of People seemes to Long for some publick way of Worship, so ye School Master Reads ye Littany & Common Prayer on ye first Days to a Congregation of different Principels (he being a Prisbiterant) where they behave very Grave (as I hear), on ye occasion ye Children also are brought to Church as they Call it.

5th.—The Provincials are discharged & Marches off with Coll^l^ Burd, this Place having but few Soldiers left in it.

Here is about 51 of ye Sennica Nation Wariors, with a Steady big Old Man, their Head, going to War against ye Cherokees. They have made a Speech at their Coming that we should not think hard of them Concerning ye Conspiracy they began this last Sumer, as that matter was Settled & they intend to live in peace with us for ye futor, & being in need of some necessaries they hop'd we would supply them as they were going against ye common Enemy to us as to them. This Nation are Said to be ye most against ye English of any of ye Six Nations.

7th.—It has snow'd for two Days (ye 5th & 6th) but no frost of any Value being in ye Earth, & ye weather Not very Cold, much of it has melt'd; it was about 2 foot deep on ye Plains in other places deeper; it continues mostly Cloudy & Spits some little snow, freezes, & this day there is much Snowy Ice driving in ye Rivers; y^e^

Sennica Wariors have got ye last provissions allow'd them this Day with orders to go being Supply'd with all they ask'd, they are very troublesome by crowding into ye Houses & thronging our fire Places, but behaves Civell ye Indians in General being so theevish that we are under ye necessity to watch them with ye utmost care & must be loosers after in some things unless we had as many spyes as they have thieves; this makes them fare ye worse amongst us, as we are affraid to let them Sleep in our Houses, or indulge them to tarry any longe time, but many of them are so good natured that they wont be affronted readily.

12mo 8th.—The Head Sennica Warior dealt Seven large Bucksins with me, when many of them Croud'd in ye Store being very Theivish (ye Agent being out) ye Warior seem'd not easy pleas'd with his full Pay which he took in Powd^r^, so I gave him a Loaf of Bread which was satisfactory to them; one of them bringing a small Skin want'd Brass Wire for it, but could hardly please himself amongst a variety of sorts, telling me to hand more, which I looked upon it as a Stratagem to keep me bussie that ye others might have oppertunity to Steal something. Several of 'em want'd to get behind ye Counter but I always turn'd em back & all they got was a Handful of salt. One took out a kegg that stood behind ye door, whilst my Brother just step'd out, so I turn'd them all out & ye Hindmost stop'd by ye door & begg'd for a Little Salt, so I gave him a Handfull he being disappoint'd in Stealing of it.

9th.—It set to Snowing yesterday & continues snowing a little yet, but is not very cold, nor has not fell much. Y^e^ Ice drives in ye Allegheny, only I am inform'd by a Prissoner that ye Shawanes set free here, that ye Head Man Call'd Manacootoothа (signifying ye Scy) set off from ye Lower town to come to ye Treaty they Held here, but had not come far until his own heart smote him so with Guilt (it seems) he was for

turning back & having come ye Most of ye way after did come here nor did not let his son come saying ye English would imprisson them, & ye whole Company would have turn'd back, only for the Perswasions of One Leading Man Of ye Nation Call'd the White Horse, who carried his arguments with such force & reasons that they must unavoidably come at Last to ye English Terms, so brought ye Majority along, but before they reach'd here, Strictly Charg'd ye Prissoners when they got amongst ye English not to tell any Lyes of them & ye Women not to tell their usage. Guilt often needs no accusser!

10th.—Very smart Frost, ye Ice drives thick in ye River, these Wariors are not yet gone nor can they get them away. This Evening Teaf's Goods gone over ye River in a Batoe; they are to set off tomorrow to Beaver Creek with them down ye River, tho it seem'd with much difficulty they got a Cross to ye Island for Ice; they propose to go to ye Miammi Country amongst ye Tweetwees.

11th.—The Monongahela shut up last night & ye People Crosses on ye Ice; to Day ye Hunters comes in with their Skins & plenty of meat.

14th.—It Rains & ye 51 Wariors is set off down ye River in three Large new Canoes, shouting as they go.

15th.—Stormy weather Cloudy & Spitting Snow, people keeps coming in here from ye Inhabitants & some going notwithstanding ye Weather.

16th.—It broke up ye Ice last night in ye Monongahela so that with ye flood that is in ye Rivers; some Batoes are drove away & ye Guard stop'd several that was broke loose & agoing though—there is plenty of Snow still remains.

17th.—I am inform'd by our Servant, Thos Cape, who was Six Years Prisoner amongst ye Shawanas, that they have much regard for ye Great Eagle, they use ye downey feathers of his Tayle stuck in their hair, also when they Shoot one of them, that they immediately

cut out his tongue & his heart & hide them in some rotten Log & hangs up ye Body for two Days, then bring it home, use ye wings, (took carefully off & join'd with some piece of white Linnen at ye Roots) to raise wind, as he says, which he has seen done, goes in some private place & fands with ye wings Singing some song all ye time for ye Space of near two Hours or more, when ye wind Will Raise ready to blow down ye Houses, ye downey long feathers of ye Tayle they keep laid up in Saele Skin, which they purchase of ye Cannada Indians whether being Heathen Idolaters they Realy can Act any Cunjuration Divination or Witch Craft I know not, but that they have many such Imposters amongst them I believe.

*18*th.—This Day it Clear'd & pretty fine Day, ye snow about 15 Inch deep. I am inform'd that ye Shawana head man got some Wheat sow'd that they had carried from some of ye frontiers during ye War which grew well, saved seed of ye Crop which they sow'd again part of it they Pounded in a morter to Meal which they made Bread of, this Thos Cape says, that ye Head Man of ye Shawanas was heard to say, that in Case of a War breaking out again with ye English they will never make it up again.

*20*th.—Here was a little Old Delaware Man & family, he is call'd James Mokeson, & his Cossen a likly young man, they dealt about £100 worth peltry with us. Y^e young man Could Cast up his own peltry & knows what they came to by his head; behav'd very steady, we useing all means in our power to please them; they promis'd to come to us again in ye Spring, being very well pleas'd. Had hard work to put them over ye River, ye Ice drove so thick.

*21*st.—I heard by one of Teafe's Men (that went down to Beaver Creek with his Goods), that Three men that set off to go down there, by Land, only one arive'd there when he came away & it was supos'd ye other two was

perishe'd in ye Snow, having parte'd from that one he did not know how.

*22^d^*.—Its Less or more Snow every Night & generaly dull Weather. I understand by Josiah Devenport who was lately up at Clappam's place that ye Old Collonel Lives like some Prince, keeps many Hands at Work; rais'd many Hund^rd^ Bushell Corn this Sumer, but ye Turkeys like to destroy much of it, they were so thick about in his Corn fields, that they Shot a Heap of them —ye place situate at ye Mouth of Sweekly Creek on Foxnigani.

*24th*.—It snow'd last night & to day so that ye Snow was in ye plains I think above Two foot deep & in other places a yard. Yesterday Thos Flemming arriv'd here wth a packet; he brot some Letters from ye Commissioners where they mention that I must not leave my bussiness here until my time is expire'd or at lest until they send one to supply my place. Many of ye Indians have been inquiring when Christmass would come & one young Man a Cossen of Delaware George's ask'd me something ye Reason of it. I told him what ye white people took notice of ye time on account of what happen'd, then that ye Son of ye Good Spirit came in ye form of a Man & liv'd many Days amongst ye people, done Many Maricles & suffer'd the Jews to put him to death, shewing Men by his example that they should not War nor fight but suffer as he did, & on ye third Day that he rose & assend'd, he having power over Death, Men, &c., & would also raise good men again;—at which he seem'd much Affected & some others in ye Company.

*25th*.—Two of ye Royal American Soldiers, in their Sporting Last night Shot their Drum Major & Shatter'd his knee to pieces; they say they Shot only Powd^r^ at him, but they are put in ye Guard House & ye Doctor says ye Mans Leg must be Cut off & it will be Mortal. A Young Man, Cossen of Delaware Georges, tells me

he Gave or is to pay Levy ye Jew 10/ for a pair of white plain Half thick Legons 1¾ y^ds^ & large French Blankets is got to 24/ amongst them ye others 20/ which gives me reason to believe when this Store is at an end ye Indians will be much impos'd upon—they make them commonly pay More then White people. Deep Snow & now like for hard frost. A young Indian Man brought us four Turkeys saying he was recommend'd by severals of his acquaintance to come to ye Quaker who would use him very well & having bought them, & paid him Six Shillings Cash besides Victuals & drink, he going out heard of a better Market so came back & got the Turkeys delivering ye Money again, but his second Chap not pleasing him in dealing he brought them back to us & had his money again, but he said Dam it several times at ye Second Chap.

26th.—Frederick Post came here on his way to Philad^a^ having a Message from ye Beaver King & Shingass to ye Governor signifying that they had confirm'd ye Peace with ye Western Nations.

27th.—Oliver McConaughty & Allex^r^ McMullen came from Sandusky having all their horses dead & out of Eighty Horses belonging to Capt Calend^r^ but three left some time ago able to go to see ye rest adying in ye Snow; a percil of Soldiers came in that was going beyond ye lake their feet frozen.

28th.—Receiv'd a Letter from John Bartram Botinest to send him some seeds of ye Sweet Vine.

29th.—Frederick Post tells me that ye Nanticoke Tribe of Indians are reconed by ye others to have first supply'd ye Indians w^t^ poison, as they report that it was made known first to them by some infernal Spirit who was found at first in a House as an Infant which ye Squa kept & fed untill in time it grew of a short & thick size, took to kill ye others Children, so that they put it to many Deaths but till it became alive again, so at last came on conditions with them that if they would obey

it & serve it it would learn them how to do mighty things which they agreed to, then it shew'd them a Root which being Eaten by one of them poison^{d} him directly & upon Eating of another Root (which they have since lost ye knowledge of) was Cured directly.

30th.—In ye Message from ye Beaver King & Shingass to ye Governor of Penn^{a} they say that as soon as they receiv'd his message for Peace 3 Years ago they immediately made their Wariors desist in making any more attempts against ye English, and has since been endeavouring to bring all ye other Nations in their Alience into ye s^{d} friendship which now they have affect'd, since which there's Seven of their Flesh & Blood kill'd by our foolish young men which they d^{o} hide und^{r} a Cover from ye other Nations & their own Young men, having Spoak so much good of ye English to ye rest they are ashamed to mention this.

31st.—I tho't I felt a Shock of an Earthquake in ye night.

1762 1mo 1st.—The Weather Continues very moderate.

2^{d}.—Wm Ramsey from some part Maryland dy'd here; he told me he had a birthright amongst Friends: he sent for me some time before he dy'd, seem'd very penitent but was concern'd most for his Wife & 2 Children, he came out here after some runaway Servants & to shun a Debtor that he was not able to pay untill he Earn'd w^{t} he ow'd him.

4th.—A young Delaware Man (Call'd William or Indakaughill) whom I trust'd last Summer abo^{t} 50/ came here & own'd ye Debt s^{d} he would pay me.

5th.—This Day Frederick Post gone for Philad^{a}. Ramsey's Goods Sold to day at Vendue amo^{t} £18:13..0.

8th.—Having Rain'd to Day & thaw'd, so that ye Ice broke up this Evening & ye Rivers Rose very fast; we had haul'd ye Batoe before as we tho't far enough up ye Bank, but ye Increse of ye flood caus'd us to tend her

almost all night, ye Water got round her & ye Rivers drove thick & rugged all over with Ice.

9th.—This Morning ye flood increasing still we had ye Bato up to ye Door, by Noon ye Street fronting our door und^r^ water; many People bro^t^ Goods to us for preservation; got going with Canoes between ye Houses & Batoes, I set to work & got all our peltry up stairs & ye Wollings &c up about Dusk ye Water got to power into our Celler increasing with ye Same progress as at first ye Celler having no Wall but mud banks we conclud'd to shut all ye Doors fast & make our escape, ye Ice driving thick between us & ye Fort—some fellows waiting with a Canoe gave umbrage to us so that Josiah return'd out of ye Batoe & stay'd some Houres but fell out twice & had to swim till taken up several Ind^ns^ stay'd till I went then went out having difficulty to get thro ye Ice.

10th.—I got into Col^l^ Burd's House (with my Brother & Jam^s^ McMullen) on ye Hill without ye fort where ye School is kept; this morning went with a batoe from ye Hill round ye fort & into ye Gate where Col^l^ Bouquet, Lieu^t^ Gord^n^, Ensign Price got in with us, they being walking on ye Bank, so row'd them thro ye fort to their quarters. Seen our House standing ye Water up to ye Window shutters; something geting against ye Door could not get it open. Josiah stay'd in ye fort. Toward Noon ye Water began to abate & at Dusk I & my Brother & a Lad came to our house in a Canoe, got ye Kitchen Door open'd run in ye Canoe to ye Stairs gave Each of them Choice to goe & take ye Canoe back or sleep up stairs, they chusing ye Later I took ye Canoe back & stay'd this night left them in ye House; found our Bitch & Pups safe up stairs & ye Racoon below.

11th.—Came Josiah to call me up soon this morning to go to our house not knowing I had plac'd lodgers in it last night, so we went, in a boat round from ye fort Gate to ye House, got in, made two fires in ye Hearths

& got to Cleaning ye House, ye Celler full Water & ye Bank much fallen in. Befor evening ye Water fell that ye Street got bare. Many Houses drove away & ye New Banks of ye fort Broke down very low. Many Goods wet & Damaged, ye Water geting into ye Magazines has I believe Wet all ye Amunition & our powd^{r} also.

12th.—Y^{e} River falls still but we have much trouble to get ye Celler drain'd & Several things Dryed that we left Down Stairs, none believing ye Water would raise so high. I here of none being Drounded yet, it Rose in about 32 Hours 38 foot very near.

13th.—I was inform'd some time ago by some Pack Horse Men that was at Tuscorawas that ye Indians there spoke very well of me (to them) & some Young Delawares that was here signified that was report'd amongst ye Indians that all ye Traders here would Cheat them but me & John Hart.

14th.—I think our Store recovers some of ye faviour it Lost last year amongst ye Ind^{ns} as I think we are now on a Par or excells ye rest here, except John Hart & he seems too Old for us having ye Languages.

15th.—Ind^{n} Peeter sent some Turkeys from Redstone, but ye bearer kept 'em. Allex^{r} McMullen turn'd back from Ligonier hearing that many People was Drouned here wth ye flood, one of his Brothers having stay'd here, his feet being frozen.

16th.—Inform'd that often some Old Men amongst ye Indians after Eating Victuals lifts up thire Hands in a very Solmn Manner & returns Thanks to ye Great Creator of all Things but not Vocally.

17th.—Abo^{t} 30 Mingo Wariors came here in Two Cannoes fired Three Rounds when in sight up ye River, Request was made to us to find house room for some of em (as it Rain'd) so the Capt & 9 more stay'd with us this night.

*18*th.—They behav'd very Civile & is mov'd to Day over ye Monongahela.

*19*th.—The Bushes abot Grant's Hill Clad with wet Goods & Peltry.

*20*th.—I brought several Mingoes Incamp'd up ye River with their Peltry who dealt 'em with us.

*21*st.—Some more of ye Mingoes afforesaid procur'd a Keg Rum I know not where but were Drunken all night & some fought.

*22*d.—My old friend (as he calls me) Heecaise, having brought in his Hunt, I invited him home with me he having got Drunk & got sick he consent'd, so sent ye Battoe for him; he sent ye Peltry but did not come himself.

*23*rd.—The Mingo Wariers being in readiness to set off against the Cherokees, kill'd a Cow of Marcus Hulings (that was over ye River) rost'd her & Carried ye Pieces of Meat off for their jurney, altho' they had Bread allow'd them every Day they stay'd but could have no poudr so much being damag'd.

*24*th.—Thos Hutchins sent a String Wampum to ye Capt of these Wariors wanting to speake with him, but he return'd ye string (which is very unusual in friends to do) sent word he would come presently but they went off & came not.

*25*th.—As report was made that they got Liquor amongst ye rest killing ye Cow was Imput'd to that & ye Collol having threaten'd to make them Confess who Isued ye Liquor that they should be punish'd I told Thos Hutchins that I judged some Old Trader had supply'd ye Mingoes with ye Rum & finding they were in danger of being discover'd had such Influence amongst ye Indians as to get ye Wariors to set off, which he thot to be very likely.

*26*th.—We bought ye Wariors Canoe, being abot 30 foot Long for 5 Strouds & pr Legons.

27th.—Some Snow & Rain Jam^s McCrary set down ye River to go to ye Shawans Town.

28th.—We have been busy getting fire Wood down ye River this two Days past, & this Day rec'd Keecaise Skins & a nothers, to ye Amo^t of abo^t 30 pounds worth.

29th.—Most of ye Houses Carried off by ye flood is Mash'd to Pieces on ye Point on an Island below Shirtees Rock abo^t 7 miles down.

30th.—Has fell as much snow these two Days past that its above a foot Deep in Common but blown in Heaps. I finished my Peltry Acco^t (or made a Peltry Book).

31st.—Keecaise set off this Day wth his Cossens toward the head Branches of ye Monongahela; he left of ye Price of his Peltry in our Hands till he returns again £3..11..0, 1 Beaver Trap Bell & Collar & did not so much as ask what ye Ballance was, but that he would leave the rem^r.

2mo 1st.—Been very Cold & spitting snow; were very busy in mending up ye Cellar Banks that broke in, in ye flood.

2d.—This Day Leu^t Moyer of ye Train, ariv'd back from Sandusky after building some Blockhouse there.

3rd.—By Lieu^t Moyer's Acco^t it appears ye Indians seem'd uneasy at his Building a Blockhouse at Sandusky & fretted him much, wanting Gifts, Provissions &c which he had not to give them & I hear he says he would sooner be discharg'd then go on such Bussiness again.

4th.—It's been two Days of fine, thawing, Sunshine, I have a Pet Racoon a Pet Raven & a Young Spannale Puppy come of Lieu^t Moyer's Bitch which he gave me, I having sav'd them in ye time of ye Deluge or Inundation.

Prices of ye following Goods here Current: Flour in fall 35/ p^r cwt now 40/ p^r cwt; Loaves Bread 2^lb 1/; fresh Beef p^r lb 7^d; Mutten in fall 6^d & 4^d; Veal do; Butter in

Casks 1/ & 1/1^{d} & 1/2 & fresh Butter 2/ in sum^{r} & fall to 2/6 p^{r} ^{lb}; Milk in Sum^{r} 3^{d} 4^{d} p^{r} q^{t} & now 8^{d} p^{r} q^{t}; plenty Deers Meat & Beans @ 2^{d} p^{r} ^{lb} & Turkeys 1/6 to 2/6; Deers Tallow & Buffeloes 3^{d} p^{r} ^{lb}; Bears Oyle 4^{d}; fall Deer Skins 1/6; Sum^{r} 1/10; Ind^{n} Dress'd 3/; Beaver 1 Doller; foxes 2/ & Cats; Otters & Bears, 6/ each; Elks ditto; Racoons 1/6; Fishers 3/.

Frederick Post says that ye Indians are Voide of Reason, but I find that in many cases they will hear to reason & allow it to be right, many of them will have theire Peltry too wet, its like some on purpose & others by accident, & to reason with most of them in that case to make a reasonable allowance in w^{t} they will grummel much & be for carrying them to some other Trader, but it's easy to make a reasonable allowance & not tell them of it all will go smooth enough, & scarcely any of them but may be easily Cheat'd, which I doubt they too often meet with.

5th.—This Day we had Thund^{r} & Rain, being very warm, Capt Clappum Came here from his farm on Youhogheny, had a Shawana Man wth him, call'd ye Cub, made a Complaint to Coll^{o} Bouquet that there was several Cabbins Built by white people up ye Monongahela & about Clearing Land, So got orders to burn them all as he told me he lives on a Part of Geo. Croghans Tract it seems.

6th.—It seems as if I was some Obstruction to ye Progress of Satan's Govinen^{t} or Kingdom at this place, since none of his Temptations has effect to draw me into ye Practices that are too common here he sets some of his Instrum^{ts} to raise Lyes of me.

7th.—Fine moderate weather, ye Rivers midling high; purposes tomorrow to set off for Bushey Run at ye Block House.

8th.—Got to And^{r} Buyerly's at Bushey Run abo^{t} 25 Miles down ye Road in quest of Indians that was s^{d} to have many Peltry there abo^{ts}, I only met ye Wolfe who

ow'd us for a Match Coat who p^{d} me in Cash, having his Skins abo^{t} 20 Miles off.

9th.—Being inform'd several of them lay near Legonier I went there, it Snow'd Most ye Way, went off ye Road at ye Nine Mile Run down it where their Cabins were but they were gone, got into ye old road, & Got to Legonier before dark, put up at ye Bakers.

10th.—Last night a Corporal came to ask me to wait on Commanding officer to have my Pass Sign'd, so I went to Day let him Know I was going no further, & had no pass, so he sent for me after to Dine with him which I Did, his name is Blaine, had no Company but me at Dinner; he Lives very Moderate from Excess, spent ye Evening in ye Garden.

11th.—Return'd this Day back to Brushey Run, ye Snow abo^{t} a foot deep, but trod by some pack horses, that carried Skins back from our Store.

12th.—Got back home this Day having seen many Deer & Wolfe Tracks.

14th.—Begun to journalise ye Books, Fleming Express came, bro^{t} letters wherein ye Commissioners wants to Know whether I Incline to stay Longer then this year.

17th.—Bro^{t} Several Shawanas over ye River wth Meat & Turkeys; bo^{t} 9 Turkeys & 4 Racoons @ 1/6 p^{r} piece.

18th.—Busy journalizing. Came another Company of Mingo Wariors going against ye Cherokees.

19th.—Came Jno Armstrong & a nother young Delaware that lodg'd here several Nights, bro^{t} abo^{t} 100 Peltry.

20th.—This Day we dealth for ye whole & receiv'd one White Deer Skins being a Young Buck. Much Trouble we have had wth Armstrong he wanting Liquor & upon geting a little amongst ye Sutlers he's more urgent for more knowing we have some.

21st.—The above young man Informs that ye Company of Wariors that Kill'd Huling's Cow here some

time ago is only gone as far as his Hunting Cabbin abo^{t} 20 miles off & there they are hunting for their suport.—very smart frost now but ye Snow almost all gone here.

22^{d}.—Men that Were Confined Last fall for forgery (being Soldiers) were tried by a Coart Marshall & judged to receive 1000 Lashes each.

23^{d}.—This Day ye Mohack Wariors gone down ye River Singing as they went. Y^{e} weather more thawing & spiting Snow.

25th.—Smart frost & as Cold as we had this Winter, & it is ye Hardest Winter ye Indians say they have seen here.

26th.—Coldest weather we had yet this Winter, note that ye Coldest Winds Blowing here, do not come from ye North-West nor from ye Lakes, tho' we are within 200 Miles (or Less) of Lake Erie bears North but ye Cold weather Comes from betwixt ye West & South West.

27th.—John Armstrong, an Indian born in ye Jerseys as he says & talks English, Informs me that several years ago there Came some Strange Indians to some of ye Delaware Towns out here being near as black as Negros with very Long Hair, stay'd some Considerable Time & took three Squas for Wives with them when they went off. Their Information of their Contry (by a Spaniard that they brought for an Interpreter which could Talk some of our Ind^{n} tongues) was that it Lyes a Vast Distance over ye Missisippi near ye Sea being all Sandy Hills & Pine Woods, Chiefly Very Hot Climate; ye Inhabitants goes Naked, Raisses no Corn, but lives all on Meat & fish; Uses only Bows & Arrows, have no dealings nor Connection with any White People, (owing to thire remoat liveing from them, as I take it) that their Contry has Many very Large Horses in it which never lyes down to Sleep but leans against a Tree for that purpose, I have been of opinion that this Continent Produces Eliphants, as large Teeth have been found

in a Lick down y^e^ Ohio between 4 & 6^lb^ weight, one of which I seen Weigh'd, which Weighed $4\frac{1}{4}$^lb^.

3mo 1st.—Yesterday Morning y^e^ Rivers were froze y^e^ Most they been this Winter, being & now is in places quite across, but y^e^ Weather is alter'd this day being Moderate.

3rd.—We got our Garden finish'd pailing, that was swept away with y^e^ flood. Some Pack Horses come up with Flour, Rum & Butter.

4th.—This morning Snow again. I hear Capt Bassat goes down in ye Contry to Imploy Artificiers.

5th.—In regard of ye Prices of Peltry Advertized at this Place last fall by Ord^r^ of Sr Wm Johnson B. H., the Indians which was at the Treaty of Detroit says that they Heard no mention Made of any such thing there & they disapprove of ye Same.

6th.—As Treaties Held with ye Indian Nations is a Matter of such great Importance to ye Publick, & especially to these Collonies, notwithstanding there be Agents appoint'd to hold such Treaties, yet I think they should not be held in Private but so as any well affect'd Subjects, Protestants, should have a free access to heare ye same which at this place we are mostly deprived off;—here being no publick House for that purpose nor to Accommodate ye Indians, but stray into private Houses, where they can in ye Coldest Weather.

7th.—Killbuck was here lately & brought acco^t^ that ye Shawanas had Kill'd some White people in Virginia, which is confirm'd by some Traders now come up, saying they bro^t^ in three Scalps & ten Horses which ye Head Men Disapproves very much & used ye Traders well.

8th.—Through Mercy we were deliver'd last night, ye House having catch'd fire in ye Logs & was blasing up ye Clabbords & thro ye Upper floor touching ye Roof when I Awak'd & heard it, so was happyly Extinguish'd without allarming ye Neighbours. This Day a flock of

Swan flew by but Much Ice remains in ye Rivers shut in places.

*9*th.—Got our Garden pail'd in & now setting about Building a Counting House.

*11*th.—This Day Capt. Ramsly is come here from Philad^a^, bro^t^ News that ye King of Prusia had Beat Count Dacino's Army & that ye English Land'd in Martineco.

*12*th.—Thos Kinton come here with Pack Horses, who Informs us that on ye Allegheni, Mountain & Laurel Hill ye Snow is near three foot deep, & there is Snow all the way till they came here almost, but its mostly gone here.

*13*th.—It Snow'd all Day yesterday for ye most part is Cloudy to Day but Moderate. Ind^n^ Corn from 10 to 12/ p^r^ Bushell, flour 37/, Butter 13^d^ p^r^ ^lb^. Sent 12 Horse Load Skins down with Kinton; set to snow this evening.

*14*th.—The Chimney that caught fire some nights since we have thrown Down so now we have but One fire Place ye weather as Snowy & Winter Like as at any time since fall. This being ye first Day, & ye Agent Principaled against going out on that Day, & I myself on none ye Days goes a Vissiting nor to Sit in our Neighbours Houses at any time We Spend ye first Day in Reading & sometimes reasoning on things in Scripture, & when ye Weather suits I walk out toward the Woods or along ye River or across them in a Canoe or boat.

*15*th.—Its been Advertis'd here again Neither to Sell or give Strong Liquor to ye Indians, & its said that ye Commanders at Each Station has orders to Seize all Liquors that Carriers may bring or carrying from here.

*16*th.—This Day Dyed here Capt Mather of ye Grenideirs, & George Croghan is return'd from Phila^a^. Jno Bard I hear informs, that most of ye Time he was at ye Lower Shawana Town ye Indians were Drunk.

*18*th.—Thund^r^ & heavy Rain. As Chick-og-o-nick-an an Ind^n^ got a Deed from William Penn for a Tract of Land

on ye West Branch Brandywine & after in some manner Sold by Old Newlin of Concord, now call'd Newlin Township, Neemakcollen, son of ye above Indian, says he got Drunk & lost ye Deed & that some of ye white People Cheated him of his Land, it might be well to have it search'd into & know how Newlin came by it. Capt Mather Buried with much form. I am inform'd that ye White Mingo found a great num^{br} of Doe Skins & many Thousands of Wampum that belong to Ephraim Blaine in ye House about Eight Miles down ye River, being drove ashore there in ye Great flood.

19th.—Inform'd by Thos Kinton that before ye Ind^{n} War, he being out here at a Town a little way up ye Alegheny, where the Indians found a Rat & Kill'd it, at which ye antiants of them seem'd Concearned & told him that ye French or English should get that Land from them, ye same prediction being made by their Grandfathers' on finding a Rat on Delaware before ye White People Came there.

20th.—Some time ago here was some Indians that Traded at our House & One of them having some Bread Cut it in Several Pieces & gave ye others each a Piece, a Shawana Man & Women coming in, each got a Piece of Bread, on which ye Woman having ye Bread in her hand, Cross'd her self with same hand before she Eat it.

21st.—This being ye first Day ye Week, I may say, that ye People regard every Day so much alike that ye Shop keepers Sells more I think on that Day to ye Inhabitants then on Week-Days.

22^{d}.—Had a fine Walk yesterday after a Horse (ye Agent has on Trial), he stay'd out 2 days & I found him about 2 Miles off.

23rd.—Caught a Cat fish this Evening; the Weather very Variable wth Snow Showers & Hail; got Logs down ye River to Build a Counting House.

26th.—I set off to Andrew Buyerlys at Brushey Run on some bussiness relateing to our offairs. Met Col^{l}

Airs there & Fleming ye Express. I went a little from ye house to Gather Mountain Tea, & ye Col^l^ came to me to see what it was, an being told by Fleming it was Tea, he asked me which were ye best Roots for Purging ye Blood, so I told my oppinnion.

*27th*.—Came back this Day in Company with ye above.

*28th*.—We were prevail'd on to Trade with some Indians that came up ye River this Day although ye first Day of ye Week.

*29th*.—Wet Weather, I have at sundry times Bled several Indians that apply'd to me & this Day Canostogo Will's Brother calls himself Capt Lead.

*31st*.—I went up to Croghan's Place with a Horse which I left there & Walk'd across from the Allegheny to ye Monongahela thro' ye Woods, being about three Miles scarcely across & about three & a Half from Pittsburgh point.

*4mo 1st*.—Went up ye Monongahela to get joyce Raffters for our Counting House, & while ye Men was Cuting & Loading them I & Allex^r^ McCaskey went over ye Mountain on ye South side to find a better Road to the Coal Pitt, which I did find.

*2nd*.—Frederick Post return'd here from Philad^a^, bro^t^ me a Letter & Silk Map from Israel Pemberton, Enjoyning me to use my best Influence with ye Ind^ns^ to bring ye Prisoners down to ye Treaty.

*3rd*.—Wrote an answer by one Millican, also Wrote to My Brother and Humphry Marshall.

*4th*.—A fine Day, sow'd Sallad & Red Beets & Cabbage yesterday. This Day Thos Hutchins set off to go to Detroit Miammi & Michelemackanak & home by ye Shawana Town. I wrote to Ens^n^ Jam^s^ Gorrel Com^r^ at ye Bay to send me account or keep it at least till he came of all Curiossities.

*5th*.—Frederick Post set off to Tuscorawas last Night, he & I had some Argument, he having offten been carping a little about Friends Principles Signifying that

they are not Always Subject to ye Governm^t^ where they Live, & they that resist ye Power of ye Legislator shall receive Damnation, hinting that when they have suffer'd, (as I took it in New England) they cry out perscuction, which they bring justly on themselves, also as a law was made to pay Tithes they should do it; I Object'd & Argued that if he made it his fix'd Principles to Obey all Laws that were made in any Goverm^t^ where he might Come, he might be Guilty of Idolatry & of consequence he must think ye Legislators Infallible to fix such a Principel, all one as ye Church of Rome, thinks their Church but this Stall'd him & he gave out.

*6th*.—John Hart's Rum was Carried into ye Kings Magazine by ye Col^ls^ order, Croghan having complain'd that he Sold Rum to ye Indians. Its tho't ye General will send orders to have all ye Houses in this Bottom pull'd Down

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